

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0019 of the published specification of this application with the following re-written paragraph:

-- FIGS. 5A and 5B graphically show the Beta-Actin sequence used for the sorbitol secondary structure assays. FIG. 5A shows the secondary structure of the gene (SEQ ID NO: 1) at 37, 55 and 68°C in the absence of a extremely GC rich region, and FIG. 5B shows the same gene with the included GC rich region (SEQ ID NO: 2) that promotes secondary structure even at 37, 55 and 68°C.--